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JOKES, AND

OTHER COMMENTS

(WORTH REMEMBERING?)

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GENERAL PROVERBS:

- If it's worth doing, it's worth doing superficially.
- Reminder from the Old Testament: "Jacob died while leaning on his staff."
- It's not that things you know that get you, it's the things you think you know but don't.
- It's wise to always make your words soft and sweet ... you never know when you might have to eat them.
- After all is said and done, it's a good bet that a lot more will be said than done.
- You've got to begin where you are.
- Bad news does not get better with age.
- Bad news travels downhill; gravity will not be denied.
- The best way to answer an embarrassing question is to tell the truth ... if nothing else, it's easier to remember.
- In times like these, it's useful to remember that there have always been times like these. (Paul Harvey)
- For a country to be great it can no longer merely be powerful.
- The Vietnam War was a holy cause to the right wing, which was willing to do everything but fight in it.
- It's an issue on which reasonable people can differ ... even with themselves.
- Repeating an old theory does not necessarily make it correct.
- With the advent of TV coverage, war is no longer a half-pregnant thing.
- If I hear it, I forget it; if I read it, I remember it; if I do it, I understand it.
- Listen more and talk less ... no one ever learned anything by talking.
- Power corrupts, but the loss of power corrupts absolutely.
- Men learn from their mistakes how to make new ones.
- What counts most about success is how one achieves it.

- Just because you have the right to do something doesn't mean it's right to do it!
- We tend to discount tomorrow's disasters for the sake of today's inconveniences.
- You're only young once, but you can be immature forever.
- Growing old takes courage.
- The problem with common sense is that it's not very common.
- If you want to find out what's really going on in America, hang out at 7-11.
- If you can't explain it well enough for the American people to support it, don't do it.
- When you're really not sure what you're supposed to do, do what you're told to do.
- If you want to get in the last word, make it "Yes, Sir!"
- Habits are habits; you can't throw them out the window, you have to coax them down the stairs one step at a time (Twain).
- When you buy a horse you get both ends. (Bush/Quayle?)
- The trouble with a rat race is that even if you win, you are still a rat.
- A little flattery is a good thing, as long as you don't inhale too deeply.
- Age is not important unless you are a cheese. (Helen Hayes)
- Experience is a great advantage. The problem is that by the time you get it you are too old to do anything with it.
- Reading about being kicked by a mule is not the same thing as being kicked by a mule.
- If grasshoppers had machine guns, crows wouldn't mess with them.
- There is no cure for birth and death, save to enjoy the interval.
- Reality is the leading cause of stress, but only among those who are in touch with it.
- Good losers get a chance to do it often.

COMMENTS ABOUT GRAND STRATEGY/WAR/DETERRENCE:

- Grand strategy is not something you can only do if you speak with a foreign accent.
- The threat to small nations is big nations; the threat to big nations is complacency.
- In the nuclear age, alliances can increase your danger rather than improve your security.
- Dorothy's first strategic insight: "This isn't Kansas anymore!"
- Lying and deception is not a justification for going to war. It may be a reason for not inviting someone to dinner ... but, it is not a reason for war.
- The biggest problem with a small war is that it gets too much supervision.
- The "fog of war" I can handle; it's the "fog of peacetime" that's mind-boggling.
- The determination of US strategy has become a more or less incidental by-product of the administrative process of the defense budget. (Maxwell Taylor, 1960)
- At the Battle of Midway, the Holy Ghost, rather than skill and daring, determined the outcome.
- God is not always on the side of the big battalions.
- Even at the end of time, when the lion lies down with the lamb, the lamb will not get much sleep.
- Deterrence only exists when the lion and the lamb sleep together ... and you don't have to change the lamb each day.
- Deterrence is not a disease that we must somehow try to cure; it's a strategy that has worked.
- The belief appears to be that the number of weapons needed for deterrence is always $1.3n$, with "n" being the number in our current inventory.

- Korean War epitaph: to die for a tie.
- The US is the only country still worried about Japanese pacifism; everyone else is worried about Japanese militarism.
- Japan: the world's largest stationary aircraft carrier.
- Congress still likes Thailand because they think that Yul Brynner is still its king.
- AFRICA:
 - Africa is a dagger pointed at the heart of Antarctica.
 - You can't buy an African state; but you can rent one by the year.
- LATIN AMERICA:
 - Most popular Latin American sport: Elliot Abrams bashing!
 - There are as many Latin American peace plans as there are "Rocky" sequels.
 - Cuba is too small a canvas for Castro to paint on.
 - Central America is like Dodge City.
 - US Panama policy: like setting your hair on fire and then trying to put it out with a hammer.
 - What is the difference between (successful Peronist Presidential candidate) Menon and the Argentine Army?
Answer: About six months.
 - Latin American economies: perpetual inflation machines!
 - Mexicans say "Mexico is unique." The rest of Latin America says "gracious and adios".
 - Mexicans believe the law should be implemented, but not observed.
 - Mexico confirms the "dead hand of Spain" argument, i.e., everything that Spain reached out and touched died.
 - Previous Mexican government presided over a level of corruption that was world class.
 - Mexico conducted an international survey on government corruption which showed that Switzerland had the most corrupt

- The USSR is the only nation today that is surrounded by hostile communist states.
- The biggest threat posed by Gorbachev is that he will take our threat away from us.
- Where are the Russians when you need them? Instead of being ten feet tall, they are turning out to be no taller than John Tower.
- Gorbachev, when asked by Bush to assess his own prospects for success: "Even Jesus Christ couldn't answer that one!" (Yes, but could Lenin?)
- Question: "What's the difference between Gorbachev and Dubcek?" Answer: "There isn't any ... but, Gorbachev doesn't know it yet."
- Question: "If Soviets and East Germans invaded Poland, who would the Poles shoot first?" Answer: "The Russians, because you must put business before pleasure."
- Soviet High Command: a bunch of cannon cockers and turret heads.
- Soviet WW II experience: a million casualties in 2 months tends to make you a little gun shy.
- New Soviet image: Blow-dried Bolsheviks.
- Capitalism is the exploitation of man by man. Communism is the reverse.
- Communist worker's lament: We pretend to work and they pretend to pay us. (denotes low real value of USSR/E. European currency)
- Old Russian Proverb: You can make a Russian hold his tongue, but you can't stop him from dragging his feet.
- Old Russian Proverb: Dwell on the past and you will lose an eye. Forget the past and you will lose both eyes.
- A communist is like a crocodile ... when it opens its mouth you can't tell if it's trying to smile or preparing to eat you.
- Question: "What's the difference between a Rumanian and a Bulgarian?" Answer: "Either one would sell his mother, but the Rumanian in the end would withhold delivery."
- Bulgarians are the most peace-loving people in the world; they don't even interfere in their own internal affairs.

OPENING COMMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS:

- Story used to introduce ultraconservative: Karnak the Magnificent will provide the question if you give him the answer. The answer is "Attila the Hun, Genghis Khan, and (guest speaker)." The question: "Name two liberals and a conservative?"
- Speaker's response: That intro confirms everything my wife has been saying about me.
- Moderator introducing his service chief: "This is going to be tough!" Chief: "It just better be quick!"
- Thank you. Even my mother would have liked that introduction.
- Wish dad and mom were here to hear that intro: dad would have liked it and mom would have believed it.
- That's the type intro I like to hear and my mother would have believed.
- After an introduction like that, I can only disappoint you.
- As we were getting ready to walk in I heard a cheer and thought we had been cancelled.
- I've been a student here myself; I know the attitude that prevails.
- Thank you for that wonderful funeral oration.
- None of what he said was true.
- Good morning! That might be the only pleasant exchange we have this morning.
- I've spoken here several times before and always enjoyed it ... but, there's always a first time.
- I'm not so sure I'm glad to be here.
- I sometimes wonder why I do this.
- Thanks for the kind intro; it's just the way I wrote it.
- Thanks, I'm great to be here.
- I bring special greetings from my students; they are delighted I'm here today.
- I'll try to deviate from my schoolteacher background and try to be brief.

- As the drunk said when his wife opened the door and he fell flat on his face: "I have no prepared remarks but I will take questions from the floor."

- Q&A COMMENTS:

-- I hope I don't look dumb enough to answer that question.

-- There are no indiscrete questions; only indiscrete answers.

-- I've kept my comments short so we can have a longer Q&A session, to permit time for extended indiscretions.

-- Let's follow the rules of the US Senate during the Q&A session; i.e., your questions don't have to be pertinent or relevant to the topic at hand.

-- We can have a wide-ranging Q&A session since I have opinions on everything ... mostly uninformed.

-- I know there is a wealth of curiosity out there; or at least there was when I arrived ... I hope I haven't killed it.

-- In a word, that's baloney! I would have used a two word answer if we weren't in gentle company.

-- It's not necessary for me to comment on that, but I will.

- A JCS staff action represents the lowest common denominator of indecision.
- Joint Staff: a bunch of eunuchs with no real power.
- Dod reality: it's no longer raining nickels.
- In terms of R&D, \$1.4 million will not even get your pencils sharpened in the pentagon.
- Exotic Pentagon production requirement: "must be assembled by virgins in moonlight"

- ABOUT WASHINGTON D.C.:
- Washington is coup-proof. Any time two people get together to discuss something secret, one of them will leak.
- Washington is no Dodge City. (D.C. Mayor Barry)
- Dodge City Mayor's response: "Washington D.C. would be a much better place if it paralleled our city. Even in our wildest days, I doubt if we ever had 14 shootings in one day."
- Washington is our Galapagos Islands: It is so insulated from a changing world that species long extinct elsewhere not only survive, but flourish.
- Washington D.C. is a place where:
 - there are lots of mutinies but no desertions.
 - people doublecross their bridges when they come to them.
 - if you travel the high road of humility, you'll not run into any traffic jams.
 - push never comes to shove.
 - nothing is ever "finally" resolved.
 - lying increases the closer you get to the top.
 - the Ship of State leaks from the top.
 - if you want a friend, you buy a dog.
 - if it weren't for the government, we would have nothing to laugh about.

NT: change for the sake of change produces learning.

-- S: "what time is it?" N: "late"

-- E: has tendency to "shoot from the lip"
E: gives ulcers; I: gets them.

-- P makes lists then loses them; so J won't hold him/her to it.

--J: Big flood. Boy on roof notices red hat going around the house several times. Mom says, that's your father (a J), he said he would cut the grass today come hell or high water.

-- SP: when all else fails, read the directions.

-- about test in general: It doesn't measure intellect or mental stability. So, you can be both dumb and crazy and still do alright.

- ABOUT LAWYERS:

-- to expect a lawyer not to lie is like expecting a ballerina not to dance on her toes.

-- They are using lawyers instead of rats for laboratory tests since: lawyers are more plentiful; lawyers will do things that rats refuse to do; and lab assistants don't form emotional attachments to lawyers.

-- It's so cold outside the lawyers have their hands in their own pockets.

Q: Question: How do you know when it's time to watch out?
Answer: When their lips start to move.

-- a lawyer is a person who helps you get what's coming to him.

-- The difference between a dead possum or a dead lawyer lying in the road is that the possum will have skid marks in front of it.

-- Two farmers claimed to own the same cow. While one pulled on its head and the other pulled on its tail, the cow was milked by the lawyer.

-- Q: What's black and brown and looks good on a lawyer?
A: A doberman pincher.

-- A fellow had an accident and decided to sue. He had to pick one of the three to help him: an expensive lawyer, a cheap lawyer, Santa Claus. He picked the expensive lawyer, because the other two are figments of one's imagination.

- Chimpanzee politics: Applies to Congress and all primates.
- There was a robbery on Capitol Hill. One of the robbers was 6'7" with bright red hair, a polka dot shirt, baggy pants and purple shoes. The other was 4'7" with green hair, a red nose, striped pants and checked shirt and orange suspenders. Both wore beanies with propellers on top. The police were in hot pursuit until they reached the floor of the House of Representatives where they blended into the crowd and were lost.
- Politics is the world's oldest profession; and it's less reputable than the second oldest profession.
- Americans have the finest Congress money can buy. (Twain)
- There is no distinctly native American criminal class except Congress. (Twain)
- when politicians talk, they say nothing; nobody listens; and then everyone disagrees.
- If pro is the opposite of con then progress is the opposite of Congress.
- Congress is very caught up in themselves. They spend lots of time championing the righteous. They are the only group that constantly looks for corruption and wrong doing.....finds it.....diagnosis the problem incorrectly.....prescribes the wrong method for fixing itand then stands around congratulating themselves.
- if you don't give politicians the right information, they still have the raw power to do it wrong.
- Conservative politician: "My staff took up a collection to buy me an artificial heart. Actually, I have the heart of a liberal ... it's in a jar on my desk ... and it starts bleeding every time I start talking about cutting government spending. Meanwhile, I'm just trying to do the Lord's work in the devil's city."
- ABOUT REPORTERS/NEWSMEN:
 - A reporter is someone who sits up in the hills and watches the battle and then comes down later to kill the wounded.
 - Reporter's motto: comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.

-- Industry doesn't make money when it deals with the USMC, but it gets "psychic income."

-- Marines understand that you can get all dressed up and go to fancy balls, but if it isn't the Corps Birthday, why bother?

-- When a marine comes to see a congressmen he comes in slightly late and a little flustered and let's you know he's in a rush because there's a fight in 11 minutes and he has to be there ... and besides, he knows he won't get what he wants.

-- The Marines: where men are men ... and women are too.

- ABOUT US NAVY:

-- Naval officers send out a specific non-verbal message when dealing with Congressmen: You are a lesser individual. I have commanded at sea and had the lives of hundreds resting on my decisions, and you haven't. You never had the opportunity to grow so you don't understand. Therefore, just repeat after me "600 ships, 600 ships."

-- Into the valley of death rode the 600 (ship navy, that is).

-- The Navy can't understand why the other services don't support the 600 ship navy; after all, they support a 600 tank army and a 600 aircraft air force.

-- Navy doctrine: knob-ology.

- ABOUT US ARMY:

-- The army is at a disadvantage in dealing with Congress because what it does is knowable. The army action officer tries to be rational and honest and is therefore outmaneuvered by the other service representatives.

-- I was in the Army once myself. I'm aware of the superior intellectual level of the officer corps ... as compared to the LA police department.

-- The Marines are looking for a few good men. The Army is looking for a few good women too, thereby out-"foxing" the Marines.

SAYINGS OF FAMOUS/INFAMOUS FOLKS:

- BY/ABOUT WINSTON CHURCHILL:

-- Churchill moves away from prominent socialist at urinal in men's room. "Something wrong?" asks the socialist. Churchill's response: "Every time you see something big you want to socialize it."

-- Lady Astor: "If you were my husband I would poison you."
Churchill: "If I were your husband I would drink the poison."

-- Churchill: "Would you go to bed with me for a million dollars?"

Lady Astor: "For a million dollars, yes."

Churchill: "Would you go to bed with me for five dollars?"

Lady Astor: "NO! What kind of woman do you think I am?"

Churchill: "We have already established what kind of woman you are; we are now dickering over the price."

-- Churchill, when asked to give a short address, stood up, said "Number 10 Downing Street" and sat down.

-ABOUT FDR:

-- Scarsdale business each AM gave newsboy a dollar for nickel paper, looked at front page, frowned and handed it back. One day boy asked what he was looking for. Man said he was checking obituaries. But, they are on inside page, boy stated. Man replies "For the SOB I'm looking for, it will be on page one."

- BY/ABOUT AL SMITH:

-- Smith was about to give a speech when a heckler shouted "Hey Al, tell us all you know; it'll only take a minute." Smith replied "I'll tell you what we both know; it won't take any longer."

- BY/ABOUT HARRY TRUMAN:

-- "I sit here all day trying to persuade people to do the things they ought to have sense enough to do without my persuading them."

-- "It's what you know after you know it all that counts."

-- Was called by someone's deputy to tell him that his immediate boss had died. Then asked if he could take the deceased's place. Truman: "If it's ok with the undertaker it's ok with me."

- After Dukakis compared himself with Harry Truman: "If he's Harry Truman, I'm Roger Rabbit."
- "When you're my age, everything brings back memories .. even other memories."
- "It's true that hard work never killed anybody, but I figured why take a chance at this late age."
- "I had hoped we could mark the end of the dog-ate-my-homework era of congressional budgetry, but it was not to be."
- Ronald Reagan was not lazy ... he was just energy efficient.
- BY/ABOUT CASPAR WEINBURGER:
 - "If you plan to do with less, you will get even less than less."
 - on the lack of an overall strategic concept to direct defense spending: "things are so bad it doesn't matter where the money goes."
- BY/ABOUT GEORGE BUSH:
 - "I'm anti-bigotry, anti-poverty and anti-semitic."
 - when asked during a hunting trip about shooting animals: "These aren't animals, these are wild quail" (or was that Quayle).
 - when asked about Alaska pipeline: "The caribou love it. They rub up against it and they have babies. There are more caribou in Alaska than you can shake a stick at."
 - "People say I'm indecisive, but I don't know about that."
 - Poor George, he can't help it. He was born with a silver foot in his mouth.
 - If curiosity killed the cat, George Bush would live forever.
 - When George Bush and Ronald Reagan are alone in a room together, what do they speak about? Or, do they both listen?
 - When Bob Dole says BUSH, he has other four letter words in mind.
 - Last year they called him a wimp ... now he's so tough he gargles with water from Boston Harbor.

-- The FBI interviewed over 400 witnesses ... and that was just the bartenders.

-- Tower was being questioned on ethics by a group of Senators ... talk about being judged by a jury of your peers!

-- He had a back-up job prepared ... replacing Spuds McKenzie as the Bud Light party animal.

- ABOUT JIM WRIGHT:

-- Two wrongs make a Wright.

-- The bad news is that Qualye succeeds Bush. The worse news is Jim Wright is (make that, was) next.

- ABOUT LES ASPIN:

-- What we need is less Aspin.

-- Will Rogers never met Les Aspin.

- BY/ABOUT HENRY KISSINGER:

-- "Just because I'm paranoid doesn't mean they are not out to get me."

-- When asked if he was as smart as God: "I may not be as smart as God is now, but I'm as smart as He was at my age."

-- Henry Kissinger gave a speech in London to a group of tailors who in return gave him a piece of whole cloth. He went to London's finest tailor to get a suit made and was told there was only enough cloth for a coat. On his next stop, in Rome, he visited an Italian tailor who told him there was only enough cloth for a coat and vest. On his next stop, in Israel, a tailor told him he could make Kissinger a suit with two pair of pants. When Kissinger asked him how he could do this when they couldn't elsewhere, the tailor replied "You're not that big in Israel."

-- Richard Nixon pointed out to Golda Mier that one thing they had in common was that they both had Jewish Foreign Ministers. "Yes," said Golda, "but mine speaks English."

- BY SENIOR 4-STARS:

-- "How did I get this job? I'm not sure, but I don't hold it against anyone."

OTHER COMMENTS OF NOTE

- It's a well-known fact that 87 percent of all people make up their own statistics.
- It's like the well known game of life: you can't win, you can't even break even, but you can't get out of the game ... you have to play!
- It's like pulling up a plant to see how the roots are doing.
- It's like giving a lecture on papal fallibility to the Knights of Columbus.
- That's as useful as persuading a one-man band to form a union.
- That's about as stupid as you can get without paying a consultant to do it for you.
- Let's solve it the same way we invented it: rhetorically.
- Before you can decide what to do with your bucket of worms, you need to decide if your goal is to enrich your garden, catch fish, or make wormburgers.
- The only reason to jog is to hear heavy breathing (Bombeck)
- Wife's lament: If you really loved me, you would have married someone else.
- NASA's lament: Why do we waste all this money dragging these rockets to the Cape when we could blow them up at the factory.
- Parent's lament: They're not children, they're poisoned dwarfs.
- Grandparents and grandchildren have a good relationship because they have a common enemy.
- Denial is not a river in Egypt.
- A pessimist is someone who when faced with two unpleasant alternatives chooses both.
- Humility is not one of my faults, but if I had one that would be it.
- The NSC staff is so busy that no one has time to think (or the inclination to do so).
- Beware of bikini-clad FBI agents.
- Bald men don't waste their hormones growing hair.

- His instincts frequently get ahead of his judgments.
- He has so many weaknesses that you sometimes overlook his strengths.
- He's turned morale around in his office. His workers used to be depressed and miserable. Now, they're miserable and depressed.
- The lights are on, but I'm not sure anyone's home.

(Please note that in the interests of equal opportunity, it may be entirely appropriate to substitute she/her for he/his in any of the above comments.)

- other one-liners (from Framework Follies):

- Known as incurable romantic; i.e., has developed immunity to penicillin.
- Told his wife how was going to take out a home improvement loan; she gave him \$1,000 to move out.
- Most useless (man-made) tool in men's locker room: Bard O'Neill's hair blow-dryer.
- Thinks the missionary position is better than no religion at all.
- His idea of a religious experience is opening a bottle of Blue Nun.
- Gave up sex for Lent and his wife didn't realize it until Good Friday.
- Best dancer on the faculty; described by all as "a little light in his loafers."
- A light drinker; when its light, he drinks.
- Claims he drinks for research purposes. Discovered that the difference between a dog and a fox is five martinis.
- Career has picked up momentum ... which is what happens to things when they are heading downhill.
- He was turned down by the TV show Real People because he didn't qualify.
- He gives dullness a bad name.

- Jesus approached a crowd that was just about to stone an adulteress and said "Let he among you who is without sin cast the first stone." The crowd put down their stones and quietly departed. Jesus went to help the young woman up when suddenly a rock brushed by him and hit the woman. Jesus turned and said "Mother, sometimes you vex me greatly."
- On the fifth day of the fifth month, a fellow who likes to bet on the horses woke up at 5 minutes to 5. He got to his office on the fifth floor at 55 Main St 5 minutes early. Then his girl friend called and told him to meet her at 5 in room 55 at the local motel. Knowing an omen when he saw one, he went to the race track and bet everything he had on horse #5 in the fifth race, and sure enough, his horse came in fifth.
- Q: Is having children hereditary?
A: Well, if your parents didn't have any, the odds are you won't either.
- Q: Are you stupid or just apathetic?
A: I don't know and I don't care.
- Q: How many psychologists does it take to change a light bulb?
A: Only three, but the light bulb must want to change.
- Before sound bites: Four score and seven years ago
After sound bites: Read my lips: no slaves.
- A military officer was at a cocktail party when his glass eye fell into his drink. Having had one too many, he didn't notice and swallowed it. The next day he was feeling terrible and went to the doctor. Doctor gave him physical. Told him to drop his trousers and bend over. When the doctor went to look he saw an eye staring back, causing the doctor to comment "look, for this relationship to work, we have to trust one another."
- Then there was the farmer who complained to his congressman about daylight savings because the long afternoons were burning up his crops.
- Speaker 1: I plan to spend this evening with the political and corporate powers that be -- the movers and shakers who hold the future of America in their hands.
Speaker 2: You're going to Japan?
- MacArthur and Nimitz were on a ship together when it was torpedoed and sunk. Both found themselves clinging to the same log. Nimitz: "Please don't tell my sailors I can't swim."
MacArthur: "OK, if you don't tell my soldiers that I can't walk on water."

- Then there was the drunk who put a quarter in the parking meter and exclaimed "My God, I've lost 60 pounds."
- A father received a letter from his daughter who had been away at college for six months. The first page read as follows:
"Dear Dad, remember that neat sports car you bought me? Well, I've had an accident and totally destroyed it. The accident also knocked out all my teeth that you just finished paying to have capped. But, in the ambulance on the way to the hospital I meet a great guy. He has long hair, an earring, is an ex-convict with several children, and, if the tests come back positive, we will soon be married." The second page started out "None of this is true. Actually, I just got an F in microbiology, and I wanted to put it all in perspective."
- The Army has improved so much; the discipline is the best it has ever been. I was at the Pentagon's Operations Center last year and was ask to analyze some data to predict war in the future. I asked the computer "Will there be war or peace in the future?" The computer answered "Yes." I said "yes what?" and the computer said "Yes, Sir."
- The Pope was advised not to speak to the crowd that gathered at the Vatican because 80 percent were gay militants there to protest the Vatican position on the issue. The Pope insisted that he could speak to them on terms they would understand. He began his address with "Tutti homani, tutti domani, tutti fruiti."
- The Commanding General of the 82nd Airborne Division always returned salutes with great enthusiasm but he would always end his salute with "same to you". Asked one day why he did this, he replied "I was an enlisted man for ten years and was required to render salutes to senior officers. I knew then what I was really thinking as I saluted and I know today what they are thinking."
- My wife and I were sexually compatible for the first time in several weeks.....we both had headaches.
- Machiavelli was on his death bed and the priest came in and tried to convince him that it would be wise at this point in his life to denounce Satan. With his last breath, Machiavelli said "Father, this is hardly the time to make new enemies."
- When Moses came down from the mountain he announced to the crowd that he had some good news and some bad news. The good news was "I got him down to only 10 Commandments." The bad news was "He hung tough on adultery."



USEFUL PHRASES TO KNOW WHEN TRAVELING IN MOSLEM AREAS

AKBAR KHALI-KILI HAFTIR LOTFAN.

Thank you for showing me your marvelous gun.

FEKR GABUL CARDAN DAVAT PAEH GUSH DIVAR.

I am delighted to accept your kind invitation to lie down on the floor with my arms above my head and my legs apart.

SHOMAHEH FEKR TAMOMEH OEH GOFTEH BANDE

I agree with everything you have ever said or thought in your life.

AUTO A?RAREGH DAVATEMAN MANO SEPAHEH-HAST.

It is exceptionally kind of you to allow me to travel in the trunk of your car.

FASHAL-EH TUPEHMAN NA DEGAT MANO GOFTAM CHEESHAYEH

MOHEMARA JEBEHKESHVAREHMAN.

If you will do me the kindness of not harming my genital appendages I will gladly reciprocate by betraying my country in public.

KHREL JEPAREH MANEH VA JAYEH AMRIKAHEY.

I will tell you the names and addresses of many American spies traveling as reporters.

BALLI. BALLI. BALLI!

Whatever you say!

MATERNIER GHERMEZ AHLIEH. GHORBAN.

The red blindfold would be lovely, excellency.

TIKEH NUNEH BA OB KHRELLEH BEZORG VA KHRIJBE BOYAST INO BEGERAM.

The water-soaked bread crumbs are delicious, thank you. I must have the